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PERSONNEL - EDUCATION SERVICES

SUBJECT: Eligibility Extension for Montgomery G.I. Bill - Active Duty, Chapter 30 for soldiers called to Federal (Title 10) Active Duty

1. In accordance with current law, soldiers eligible for Montgomery G.I. Bill - Active Duty, Chapter 30 benefits are eligible to have their 10-year window of eligibility extended if they reenter Federal (Title 10) Active Duty for 90 days or more after initially becoming eligible. The extension ends **10 years** from the date of separation from the **second period** of active duty service.
2. **For example:** SGT Jones had prior Active Duty service and became eligible for Chapter 30. His 10-year period of eligibility would begin on the date of his separation from Active Duty. SGT Jones then joins the Massachusetts Army National Guard at some point after the completion of his first Active Duty period. His unit is mobilized and he reenters Federal (Title 10) Active Duty for the second time and is activated for 90 days or more. As long as SGT Jones has benefit entitlement remaining under Chapter 30, his 10-year window of eligibility would restart on his date of separation from this second period of Active Duty service. This extension occurs even if the second period of service begins after the soldier's original 10-year period of eligibility ends. This is an unprecedented opportunity for SGT Jones to have a second chance at utilizing his remaining Chapter 30 benefits.
3. To determine the number of months of benefits remaining under any Montgomery G.I. Bill program soldiers should contact the Department of Veterans Affairs Education Benefits Hotline at **1 (888) GIBILL-1** and follow the automated prompts.
4. This is a second chance at utilizing up to **\$32,400.00** in Montgomery G.I. Bill - Active Duty, Chapter 30 educational assistance. Commanders of all mobilizing units are strongly encouraged to identify and inform eligible soldiers.

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5. To apply for the extension soldiers should forward a copy of their DD Form 214 from their second period of Active Duty service to the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office, P.O. Box 4616, Buffalo, NY 14240-4616.

6. Keep in mind . . . eligible soldiers may get a 10-year extension of eligibility, but they still only qualify for a maximum of 36 months of Chapter 30 benefits.

7. A copy of this correspondence should be filed at the unit level. POC for this program is the Education Services Officer at DSN 256-6753, commercial (508) 233-6753, or by email at education@ma.ngb.army.mil.

8. Widest dissemination of this information is strongly encouraged.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

Encl
MGIB-AD, Chapter 30 Rates

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**MONTGOMERY GI BILL - ACTIVE DUTY
(CHAPTER 30)
INCREASED EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2002**

Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (Chapter 30 of title 38 U.S.C.).

The following basic monthly rates are effective October 1, 2002.

The rates shown apply to those completing an Active Duty enlistment of three (3) years or more. (Soldiers completing less than three (3) years should see <http://www.gibill.va.gov> for current monthly rates).

Institutional Training (for VA-Approved Colleges, Universities or Trade Schools)	
Training Time	Monthly rate
Full time	\$900.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ time	\$675.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ time	\$450.00
less than $\frac{1}{2}$ time more than $\frac{1}{4}$ time	\$450.00 **
$\frac{1}{4}$ time or less	\$225.00 **

Apprenticeship and On-Job Training	
Training Period	Monthly rate
First six months of training	\$675.00
Second six months of training	\$495.00
Remaining pursuit of training	\$315.00

Correspondence and Flight - Entitlement charged at the rate of one month for each \$900.00 paid.

Cooperative - \$900.00

**** Tuition and Fees ONLY.** Payment cannot exceed the listed amount.

NOTE: A maximum of \$32,400.00 can be collected under this program.
How is this figured out? ... \$900 X 36 months of eligibility = \$32,400.00